

can, All Saints' Parish, Calvert County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Calvert County, 1751-1754 (Arms and Ammunition 3), 1757-1758, 1758-1761, 1762-1763, 1765-1766 (Grievances 2-4), 1768-1770 (Grievances 3, Public Offices 2, 3); Conventions, Calvert County, 5th 1775, 6th-8th, 1775-1776. LOCAL OFFICES: All Saints' Parish Vestry, Calvert County, appointed 1747 and 1751. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, by 1751. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: probably ca. 800 acres in Calvert County. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: paid quitrents on 907 acres in Calvert County, 1755; patented 12 acres in Calvert County in 1760 and obtained a certificate of patent for 156 acres in Calvert County, 1763; paid quitrents on 910 acres in Calvert County in 1761; inherited one-quarter lot in Nottingham, Prince George's County, from his father in 1765. Paid quitrents on 826 acres in Calvert County, 1774. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Gantt acted as security for *Fielder Gantt* (?-1807) on bonds totaling over £650 sterling given in 1768 and 1771 to cover the debts of the Fielderia Furnace in Frederick County. He accepted mortgages on land and personal property in Prince George's and Frederick counties from *Fielder Gantt* (?-1807). The property was then sold to pay off himself and Fielder's other creditors. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between mid-1775 and 1783 in Calvert County. LAND: probably 826 acres in Calvert County.

**GANTT, ERASMUS** (?-?). BORN: in Prince George's County, of age by 1780; fifth son. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: in Prince George's County; moved to Washington County before May 1794; lived in Berkley County, Virginia, by May 1797. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Thomas Gantt* (ca. 1710-1785), son of *Thomas Gantt* (?-1765). MOTHER: Eleanor Hillary (?-1787). UNCLES: *Fielder Gantt* (?-1807); *Edward Gantt* (?-by 1783). AUNT: Ann Gantt, who married *John Brome* (1703-1748). BROTHERS: Levi; Fielder (ca. 1764-1824). HALF BROTHERS: *Thomas Gantt, Jr.* (?-1808); John (1740-?); and Edward (ca. 1741-1837). SISTERS: Ann; Elizabeth; Priscilla (?-ca. 1784); and Sarah, who married *Osborn Sprigg* (ca. 1741-1815). HALF SISTERS: Rachel (?-1793), who married *Richard Brooke* (1716-1783). FIRST COUSINS: *Thomas Gantt* (?-ca. 1802); Ann Gantt, who married *Thomas Harwood III* (by 1757-by 1805). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., by

1791. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: lawyer, admitted to the Prince George's County Court in 1783; practiced in Prince George's County in at least 1783, 1784, and 1789. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Prince George's County, 1784 (Grievances). LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Prince George's County, in office 1787-at least 1788, 1790-at least 1792. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: 12 slaves, 1790. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: possibly 106 acres in Prince George's County. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: inherited ca. 350 acres in Prince George's County from his father, 1785; sold all of his land in Prince George's County in 1794; purchased 250 acres in Washington County in 1797. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: out of state. LAND: probably none in Maryland.

**GANTT (GAUNT, GAUNTT), FIELDER** (?-1807). BORN: of age by 1753, in Prince George's County. NATIVE: at least third generation. RESIDED: Prince George's County until 1764; Frederick County, 1764 until death. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Thomas Gantt* (?-1765). MOTHER: Priscilla, daughter of *Thomas Brooke* (ca. 1659-1730/31). STEPMOTHER: Margery Holliday (1688-1764), widow of Levin Covington. UNCLE: *Thomas Brooke* (1683-1744). STEPUNCLE: *James Hollyday* (1696-1747). AUNT: Sarah Brooke (?-1724), who married first, *William Dent* (ca. 1660-1704), and second, *Philip Lee* (ca. 1681-1744). HALF AUNT: Jane Brooke, who married *Alexander Contee* (ca. 1691-1740). BROTHERS: *Thomas Gantt* (ca. 1710-1785); *Edward Gantt* (?-by 1783); and George (?-1779). STEPBROTHER: Leonard Covington. SISTERS: Priscilla; Elizabeth; and probably Ann. FIRST COUSINS: *Richard Brooke* (1716-1783); Eleanor Brooke, who married *Samuel Beall* (ca. 1713-ca. 1778); *Richard Lee* (ca. 1707-1787); *Arthur Lee* (?-1760); *Francis Lee* (?-1749); and Hannah Lee, who married *Joseph Sprigg* (1736-1800). HALF FIRST COUSINS: *John Contee* (1722-ca. 1796); *Thomas Contee* (ca. 1729-1811); Jane Contee (1728-1812), who married *John Hanson, Jr.* (1721-1783); *Thomas Beall, of George* (1735-1819); *Thomas Sprigg* (1715-1781); and *Edward Sprigg* (?-?). NEPHEWS: *Thomas Gantt* (?-ca. 1802); *Thomas Gantt, Jr.* (?-1808); and *Erasmus Gantt* (?-?). NIECES: Ann Gantt, who married *Thomas Harwood III* (by 1757-by 1805); Rachel Gantt (?-1793), who married *Richard Brooke* (1716-1783); and Sarah Gantt, who married *Osborn Sprigg* (ca. 1741-1815). MARRIED Susannah. CHILDREN. SON: John (1775-1803), a lawyer. DAUGHTER: Mar-